

Sources of information:

- Mass. Division of Apprenticeship Training www.mass.gov/dat or (617) 626-5409

VA Web site: www.gibill.va.gov



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Apprentice Training for Veterans In Massachusetts

**EDUCATION BENEFITS ARE
NOT JUST FOR COLLEGE**



What are Apprentice Training Benefits?

The benefit is a monthly allowance paid to an eligible veteran or dependent that is learning on the job and completing 150 of schooling a year. The apprentice normally receives reduced wages until the completion of the training. The monthly payments are 75% of the full time GI Bill rate for the first six months and 55% for the following 6 months and 35% for the remainder of the training.

What is Apprenticeship Training?

Apprentice Training is a combination of on-the-job training and related instructions (schooling) which has been approved by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Apprentice Training. DAT can help the employer and the apprentice to set up approved standards of apprenticeship accepted by the Veteran Administration.

Who is eligible for this benefit?

All veterans who have established eligibility under Chapter 30, Chapter 32, Section 903 or Chapter 1606, Chapter 1607 and any spouse or child who is eligible under Chapter 35 benefits. The benefit is not available for a person on active duty.

How do you first apply for the benefit?

A. If you have applied for educational benefits before - Call the Division of Apprentice Training. You will fill out a Change of program 22-1995

B. If you have **never** applied for VA educational benefits, go to www.gibill.va.gov

1. Click on educational benefits.

2. Educational forms.

3. You need to fill out "form 22-1990 (Application for VA educational Benefits)

4. Apply on-line HERE

5. What is VONAPP – on the left side of the page hit start VONAPP

6. REMEMBER YOUR LOGIN NAME AND PASSWORD

7. After completing on-line, you will receive from the VA a Certificate of Eligibility.

8. Call or email the Division of Apprentice Training, names and address are listed on brochure.

Occupations approved for Apprentice Training. There are over 800 occupations approved for education benefits. Some are:

Aircraft Mechanic - Bricklayer - Carpenter

Cook (Chef) - Correction Officer - Electrician

Firefighter/EMT- HVAC - Iron Worker

Machinist – Painter - Pile Driver

Plumber - Police Officer - Roofer

Sprinkler Fitter - Telecommunication Technician

You maybe able to collect benefits for up to 4 years while on the job.

Employer Responsibilities

The employer is responsible for providing the training as outlined by the training agreement. The company or program sponsor must have adequate space, equipment, instructional material, and qualified personnel to provide satisfactory training. Records must be kept to show the progress made by the apprentice toward their job objectives.

A representative of the Division of Apprentice Training can assist with the proper forms to be submitted to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Where to go for more information on the GI Bill?

You can call the toll free line, **1-888-442-4551** and ask to contact the local Education Liaison Representative, (ELR) or visit our web site: www.gibill.va.gov and you will find the link for your area representative.